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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 March 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 63-101 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 63-101 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 3/10/2010 has been entered.

Status of Claims

2. Claims 63-101 are pending in this application.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 63-101 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Examiner Note

4. The Applicants amended Independent Claims 63 and 96 to remove the language containing 'communicative coupling between the content indexing module and the multimedia server'. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 63, 64, 65 and 71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobori et al. (US 4,703,366) hereinafter 'Kobori' in view of Reese et al. (US 7,298,512) hereinafter 'Reese' and further in view of Kormann et al. (US 6,308,887) hereinafter 'Kormann'.

Regarding Claim 63: (Currently Amended)

Kobori discloses a printer for printing time-based media (Figure 1) comprising:

a chassis for housing (Chassis 52 for Housing 50 of Figure 15):

a print engine within the printer (55 in Figure 15) for generating a printout of a storage representation and controlling printing to a plurality of storage media forms (e.g., Printing Mechanism 55 driven by a motor system; Column 13; lines 1-4), including removable storage media forms (e.g., Magnetic Disk 8 of Figure 1), the print engine being coupled to media holders (The portion of Disk Motor 7 which supports or holds the Magnetic Disk 8) and an output module (e.g., Video Output of Figure 2);

a monitoring module for monitoring streaming media content from a time-based media source input (e.g., Video Monitor 25 and Monitor Switch 24 of Figure 2);

selecting a portion of the monitored streaming media content based on a plurality of user defined criteria and for interfacing with interfaces for multiple types of media content (e.g., "freeze" command at Input Terminal 20 and Recording Command Generating Section 23 of Figures 2 and 3);

a content indexing module for indexing the selected portion of the streaming media content (Kobori discloses a disk having a 'plurality of tracks' after the image is stored; Column 8, lines 46-48. The Examiner perceives the Applicant's "content indexing module" to be equivalent to Kobori's 'pointing to a segment of the media' to indicate for example, the beginning of each track within the sector. The placing of such 'address marks/pointers' are well known in the art); and

the output module for constructing the storable representation of the selected portion of the streaming media content (e.g., reproduced video signal is sent to printer; Column 5, line 67 – Column 6, line 5).

Kobori does not disclose expressly an embedded multimedia server in a printer.

Reese discloses an embedded multimedia server in a printer (The embedded web server within the printer enables the printer to provide a web page that allows users to interact with the printer; Column 4, lines 11-19).

Kobori & Reese are combinable because they are from the same field of endeavor of image processing, e.g., both references disclose the control and processing of time-based media data. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to include an embedded multimedia server in the printer of the overall media processing system as taught by Korman. The suggestion/motivation for doing so is to provide a control and communication relay for

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the multi-media processing devices comprising the media processing system. Reese discloses in the background of invention that an embedded server in the printer acts substantially like a computer on the internet, enabling users to access the printer's web server via the internet. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Kobori with Reese to obtain the invention as specified in Claim 1 to maximize convenience for the user.

Kobori and Reese substantially disclose the invention of Claim 63, however they do not disclose expressly wherein the segmented clips include one or more speakers speaking in the segmented clips.

Kormann discloses segmented clips including one or more speakers speaking in the segmented clips (The Super-ATM has multimedia support. In a preferred embodiment, sound capability and full motion video is supplied via formats complying with the Motion Pictures Experts Group (MPEG) audio and video compression standard. In other embodiments, sound capability is supplied via RealAudio formats or other audio formats, and full motion video is supplied via Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG) formats, Motion JPEG (MJPEG) formats, QuickTime formats, or other video formats; Column 5, lines 30-38); (The biometric system 210 may measure an individual's speech... The biometric system 210 may include voice sensor; Column 6, lines 19-30)

Kobori, Reese & Kormann are combinable because they are from the same field of endeavor of image processing; e.g. all three references disclose methods of time based media. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to have segmented clips including one or more speakers speaking in the segmented clips. The suggestion/motivation for doing so is to identify/verify a user at for example an ATM machine as disclosed by Kormann (Column 6, lines 19-22). Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Kobori and Reese with

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Kormann to obtain the invention as specified for security purposes, and to record the initiator of an ATM transaction and the situation surrounding the transaction (Column 6, lines 15-18)

Regarding Claim 64: (Currently Amended)

Reese further discloses the printer of claim 63, including a content processing module for extracting a Uniform Resource Locator from the document (e.g., The JAVA technologies disclosed at Column 1, lines 46-54); and a web server for retrieving a content web page identified by the Uniform Resource Locator referenced in the document (e.g., The embedded web server enables the printer to provide a web page; Column 4, lines 11-14); the output module constructing a printable web content representation of the retrieved content web page (e.g., a JAVA application previously disclosed displays a web page to the user); an embedded printer display (e.g., the printer/multi-function device through a display and control panel on the device; Column 5, lines 13-15) for displaying a thumbnail image associated with the web content printable representation constructed by the embedded multimedia server (The embedded web server provides a web page that allows the user to interact; Column 4, lines 11-14; It is well known in the art that web browsers and web pages can display thumbnail images relating to internet/web content); and the print engine for making the web content printable representation available for printing to a selected printable medium responsive to the image being selected in the embedded printer display (e.g., a JAVA application previously disclosed is instructed by user to print a web page).

Kobori, Reese & Kormann is analogous art since they are from the same field of endeavor of image processing; e.g., both references disclose printing and imaging systems. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of

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ordinary skill the art to disclose a content processing module for extracting a Uniform Resource Locator from the document; a content processing module for extracting a Uniform Resource Locator from the document; the output module constructing a printable web content representation of the retrieved content web page; an embedded printer display for a thumbnail image associated with the web content printable representation constructed by the embedded multimedia server; the print engine for making the web content printable representation available for printing to a selected printable medium responsive to the image being selected in the embedded printer display. The suggestion/motivation for doing so is to allow user's to access a URL from e.g., an internet site and to print out the associated web page. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Kobori in view of Reese and Kormann to obtain the invention as specified in Claim 64 in order to allow users to interact with the printer in order to control and/or provide information.

Regarding Claim 65: (Previously Presented)

Kobori further discloses the printer of claim 63, wherein the print engine further comprises a removable storage medium format writer for electronic storage mediums (Magnetic Disk 8).

Regarding Claim 71: (Previously Presented)

Kobori, Reese & Kormann disclose the printer of claim 63. The Examiner respectfully believes that it is inherent that a printer can print a bar code which

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corresponds to digital data on a removable storage medium, including generating a bar code to identify the selected portion of the streaming media content in the removable storage medium.

8. Claims 66 and 67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobori in view of Reese and Kormann as applied to claim 65 above, and further in view of Hymel.

Regarding Claim 66: (Previously Presented)

Kobori, Reese & Kormann do not expressly disclose wherein the medium format writer is a digital video disc.

Hymel further discloses wherein the medium format writer is a digital video disc (DVD Player described in [0010]).

Kobori, Reese & Kormann are analogous art with respect to Hymel because they are from similar problem solving areas, namely the control of data storage and output. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use at the interface a DVD drive. The suggestion for doing so would have been that DVD's are a common form of video data media. Therefore it would have been obvious to combine Hymel with Kobori, Reese & Kormann to obtain the invention as specified.

Regarding Claim 67: (Previously Presented)

Hymel further discloses the printer of claim 63, wherein the print engine further comprises a removable storage medium format writer for optical storage mediums (DVD Player described in [0010]).

9. Claim 68 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobori and Reese, and Kormann as applied to claim 63 above, and further in view of Morinaga (US 4,734,898).

Regarding Claim 68: (Previously Presented)

Kobori in view of Reese and Kormann do not disclose expressly that one of the media holders is a bandolier configured for holding a removable storage medium.

Morinaga discloses a bandolier type handling mechanism (Figure 3a; Column 4, lines 53-62)

Kobori, Reese & Kormann are analogous art with respect to Morinaga because they are from similar problem solving areas, namely processing and storing digital output data. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to include the bandolier type handling mechanism taught by Morinaga as another type of handling mechanism from which to choose. The motivation for doing so is to store even more removable storage devices while preventing damage to the removable storage devices as disclosed by Morinaga in the Summary of Invention. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Morinaga with Kobori, Reese & Kormann to obtain the invention as specified in Claim 68 to prevent damage to the recorded surface of the selected disc.

10. Claims 69 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobori, Reese & Kormann as applied to claim 63 above, and further in view of Katsuo et al. (US 5,721,883) hereinafter 'Katsuo'.

Regarding Claim 69: (Previously Presented)

Kobori, Reese & Kormann disclose the printer of Claim 63, but do not expressly disclose wherein the streaming media content from the time-based media source comprises multi-channel streaming media content.

Katsuo discloses performing parallel processing of image data (Figure 1; Column 3, lines 30-49 Kobori, Reese & Kormann is analogous art with respect to Katsuo since they are form the same field of endeavor, namely the processing of digital image data. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to perform processing of the received video image data in parallel. (Note: The Examiner perceives the Applicant's 'multi channel' to be the equivalent to Katsuo's 'parallel processing'). The suggestion/motivation for doing so is to increase the speed with which a user can obtain processed image data. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Katsuo with Kobori, Reese & Kormann to obtain the invention as specified in Claim 69 in order to process the data faster.

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11. Claims 70 and 72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobori, Reese & Kormann as applied to claim 63 above, and further in view of Krumm (US 6,611,622).

Regarding Claim 70: (Previously Presented)

Kobori, Reese & Kormann disclose the printer of claim 63, but do not expressly disclose further comprising a content editing module for automatically segmenting the streaming media content into a plurality of media clips based on an event in an audio channel associated with the streaming media.

Krumm discloses a content editing module for automatically segmenting the streaming media content into a plurality of media clips based on an event in an audio channel associated with the streaming media (Column 8, lines 28-33).

Krumm is analogous art with Kobori, Reese & Kormann because they are from the same field of endeavor, namely the processing and output of image data. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to not only capture content, as taught by Kobori, Reese & Kormann, but to recognize content within the image data, as taught by Krumm. The suggestion/motivation for doing so is to allow the user to select a particularly desirable content automatically rather than having the user perform the recognition and capture manually, which is much slower and considerably more tedious for the user. Thus, the system of Kobori, Reese & Kormann would be improved by incorporating content recognition as taught by Krumm. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the

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time of the invention to combine Krumm with Kobori, Reese & Kormann to obtain the invention as specified in Claim 70 to aid the user select particular image content.

Regarding Claim 72: (Currently Amended)

Kobori, Reese & Kormann disclose the printer of claim 63 including a print engine generating a printout of the storable media clip representation but do not expressly disclose a user interface module for receiving user input to the printer indicating a participant speaker of a recorded video meeting; the embedded multimedia server further comprising: a content recognition module for performing multimedia content recognition on the streaming media content to determine one or more speakers in the recorded video meeting; a content editing module for segmenting the streaming media content into a plurality of media clips based on which of the one or more speakers is speaking in the recorded video meeting; and a content selection module for selecting a media clip from the plurality of media clips as the portion of the monitored streaming content, the user defined criteria comprising a time period when the participant speaker is the one or more speakers speaking in the recorded video meeting; the content indexing module indexing the plurality of media clips by the one or more speakers in the recorded video meeting; the output module constructing a storable media clip representation for the selected media clip.

Krumm discloses a user interface module for receiving user input to the printer indicating a participant speaker of a recorded video meeting (200 of Figure 2);

the embedded multimedia server further comprising:

a content recognition module for performing multimedia content recognition on the streaming media content to determine one or more speakers in the recorded video meeting (204 of Figure 2);

a content editing module for segmenting the streaming media content into a plurality of media clips based on which of the one or more speakers is speaking in the recorded video meeting (206 of Figure 2); and

a content selection module for selecting a media clip from the plurality of media clips based on the plurality of user defined criteria, the plurality of user defined criteria comprising a time period when the participant speaker is the one or more speakers speaking in the recorded video meeting (206 of Figure 2);

the content indexing module indexing the plurality of media clips by the one or more speakers in the recorded video meeting (208 of Figure 2);

the output module constructing a storable media clip representation for the selected media clip (Store the Histogram of an Extracted region; 208 of Figure 2).

Kobori, Reese & Kormann are analogous art with respect to Krumm because they are from the same field of endeavor of image processing, e.g., the control and processing of time-based media. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to include a system that can identify people an objects in an image of a scene. The suggestion/motivation for doing so is to

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identify the people in e.g., a meeting or conference. Therefore it would have been obvious to combine Krumm with Kobori, Reese & Kormann to obtain the invention as specified in Claim 72 in order to determine the participants in a meeting.

12. Claims 73-77 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobori, Reese, Kormann and Krumm as applied to claim 72 above, and further in view of Chino (US 6,118,888).

Regarding Claim 73: (Previously Presented)

Kobori, Reese, Kormann and Krumm disclose the printer of claim 72 but do not expressly disclose wherein the content recognition module applies a speech recognition method to determine an identity of the one or more speakers in the recorded video meeting.

Chino discloses wherein the content recognition module applies a speech recognition method to determine an identity of the one or more speakers in the recorded video meeting (Figure 1)

Kobori, Reese, Kormann and Krumm is analogous art with respect to Chino because they are from the same field of endeavor, namely the control and processing of time-based media data. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to include the embedded audio sound localization module taught by Chino as part of the overall multimedia processing system. The motivation for doing so is to ensure that user input is intended, and the user is not

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speaking to someone else (Column 1, lines 52-58). Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Chino with Kobori, Reese, Kormann and Krumm to obtain the invention as specified in Claim 73.

Regarding Claim 74: (Previously Presented)

Chino further discloses the printer of claim 72, wherein the content recognition module applies a face recognition method to identify a visual appearance of the one or more speakers in the recorded video meeting (101 of Figure 1).

Regarding Claim 75: (Previously Presented)

Chino further discloses the printer of claim 72, wherein the content recognition module applies a voice matching method to identify a voice of the one or more speakers in the recorded video meeting (STEP A12).

Regarding Claim 76: (Previously Presented)

Chino further discloses the printer of claim 72, wherein the user interface module receives a user input indicating a location of the participant speaker (101 of Figure 1; Gaze Object Detection Section);

the content editing module segments the streaming media content into the plurality of media clips based on locations associated with the one or more speakers in the recorded video meeting (Control Section 107); and

the content selection module selects the media clip illustrating a time period when the location associated with the one or more speakers in the recorded video meeting is the location of the participant speaker (Control Section 107).

Regarding Claim 77: (Previously Presented)

Chino further discloses the printer of claim 72, wherein the content recognition module applies a sound localization method to determine the locations associated with the one or more speakers in the recorded video meeting (102 of Figure 1).

Regarding Claims 78-95:

The proposed combination of Kobori, Reese, Kormann, Hymel, Morinoga, Katsuo, Krumm and Chino explained in the rejection of apparatus claims 63-77, renders obvious the steps of the method of claims 78-95 because these steps occur in the operation of the proposed combination as discussed above. Thus, the arguments similar to that presented above for claims 63-77 are equally applicable to claims 78-95.

Regarding Claims 96-101:

The proposed combination of Kobori, Reese, Hymel, Kormann, Morinoga, Katsuo, Krumm and Chino explained in the rejection of apparatus claims 63-77 and method claims 78-95, renders obvious the steps of the Computer Program Product of claims 96-101 because these steps occur in the operation of the proposed combination

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as discussed above. Thus, the arguments similar to that presented above for claims 63-77 and 78-95 are equally applicable to claims 96-101.

Conclusion

13. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Sugiyama et al. (US 5,633,723) discloses a video printer.

Examiner Notes

14. The Examiner cites particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested that, in preparing responses, the applicant fully considers the references in its entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or as disclosed by the Examiner.

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